Construction of Yatri Niwas in Arunachal Pradesh

3349. SHRI NABAM REBIA: Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have formulated any National Action Plan for the development of tourism in Arunachal Pradesh;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government propose to construct any Yatri Niwas in the State; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM AND MINISTER OF CULTURE (SHRI ANANTH KUMAR): (a) and (b) The National Action Plan for Tourism 1992 envisages development of tourism through improvement of infrastructure, developing areas on selective basis for integrated growth, restructuring and strengthening the institution for development of human resources and marketing and promotion of India as a tourist destination to increase foreign tourist arrivals in the country including Arunachal Pradesh.

(c) and (d) The Ministry of Tourism has sanctioned a Yatri Niwas at Bameng in Arunachal Pradesh for an amount of Rs. 12.03 lakhs during 1999-2000.

Development of Tourism in Arunachal Pradesh

3350. SHRI NABAM REBIA: Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether a number of proposals are pending with the Central Government for development of tourism in Arunachal Pradesh;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the details of steps being taken or proposed to be taken by Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM AND MINISTER OF CULTURE (SHRI ANANTH KUMAR): (a) to (c) During 1999-2000, the Ministry of Tourism received 19 project proposals from State Government of Arunachal Pradesh out of which 11 projects were sanctioned for an amount of Rs. 218.63 lakhs.

The remaining projects were incomplete and not in accordance with the project guidelines. Central financial assistance is extended for prioritised projects which are submitted in complete shape with due observance of all codal formalities as per guidelines.

Development of tourist spots in Orissa

3351. SHRI RAMACHANDRA KHUNTIA: Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) the names of tourist spots in Orissa that have so far been treated/ included as Central Tourist Spots for the purpose of planning, development and assistance;

(b) what amenities have been provided or developments undertaken or proposed to be undertaken for the religious pilgrims/tourists visiting Jaipur and Ratnagiri in Orissa;

(c) whether Government have assisted development/cleanliness of Religious Ghats like in Varanasi or Daswasmedh Ghats in Jajpur; and

(d) the steps Government have taken or propose to take to develop and provide amenities for the lakhs of tourists visiting the Daswasmedh Ghat at Jajpur annually and in 12 years periods?

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM AND MINISTER OF CULTURE (SHRI ANANTH KUMAR): (a) The following places/centres in Orissa have been identified in consultation with the State Govt. as Tourist Centres/Pilgrim Centres/Travel Circuits/Destinations for development of tourism infrastructural facilities:

Tourist Centres:

Bhubaneshwar
Cuttack
Konark
Puri

Pilgrim Centres:

Puri